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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER COMMENTS ON WGSTT, TRADE ACT AND

BUENOS AIRES MFM

REF: MVD 101 AND 76

1. DURING COURSE OF RECEPTION EVENING JAN 13 IN HONOR VISITING  
SOUTH AFRICAN TRADE DELEGATION, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK BRIEFLY  
WITH FONMINISTER BLANCO ABOUT DR. JORGE ALVAREZ' TRIP TO WASHINGTON  
ON WGSTT MATTERS. FONMINISTER ALSO BROUGHT UP TRADE ACT, OAS AND  
BUENOS AIRES MFM ALL OF WHICH I AM REPORTING TOGETHER BECAUSE OF  
THEIR INTERRELATIONSHIP.

2. ON WGSTT AND TRAVEL OF ALVAREZ. I TOLD THE FONMINISTER OUR  
INTEREST  
IN CONSULTATIONS ON WGSTT MATTERS PRIOR MONTEVIDEO MEETING WAS  
AS KEEN AS EVER AND THATI HEARD EARLIER IN THE DAY OF DEPUTY  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY BOWDLER'S FIRM HOPE THAT DR. JORGE ALVAREZ  
WOULD BE ABLE TO TRAVEL AS PLANNED. BLANCO SAID DECREE AUTHORIZING  
ALVAREZ' VISIT WOULD BE SIGNED TODAY, JAN 14, AND ALVAREZ WOULD LEAVE  
ON FIRST AVAILABLE FLIGHT. BLANCO REITERATED IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHED  
TO  
CONSULTATIONS WITH US AND TO WGSTT MATTERS.

3. TRADE ACT. (A) BLANCO ALSO SAID HE WOULD BE BRIEFING ALVEREZ ON  
GOU'S GENERAL VIEWS ON TRADE ACT AND WOULD INSTRUCT HIM TO DISCUSS  
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THESE N WASHINGTON AS WELL. BLANCO STRESSED ALVEREZ NOT EXPERT IN

TRADE MATTERS, BUT NEVERTHELESS HE, BLANCO, WANTED  
HED DEPT TO HAVE  
GOU'S PRELIMINARY AND GENERAL VIEWS. BLANCO ADDED HE WOULD BE  
ASKING ME TO COME IN SOON IN ORDER TO RECEIVE MORE COMPLETE EXPOS-  
ITION ON GOU'S POSITION. (B) FONMINISTER SAID HE THOUGHT GOU'S  
PUBLIC POSITION UP TO THIS TIME HAD BEEN REASONABLE AND PRUDENT IN  
KEEPING WITH ITS DESIRE TO STUDY TRADE ACT IN DEPTH BEFORE MAKING  
PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENTS. HE SAID HE WANTED ME TO KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT  
GOU WOULD COME DOWN HARD ON SEVERAL POINTS--WHICH HE WAS NOT PRE-  
PARED TO DISCUSS NOW--FOR TWO REASONS. ONE, THEY WOULD BE MATTERS  
OF IMPORTANCE TO THE GOU AND TWO, IN THE HOPE THAT DOING SO WOULD  
MAKE CONGRESS AWARE OF URUGUAY'S SPECIAL PROBLEMS  
WITH THE ACT.

(C) IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION, BLANCO SAID THE LETTER RECENTLY  
DELIVERED TO PRESIDENT BORDABERRY FROM PRES PEREZ OF VENEZUELA WAS  
MORE BALANCED AND IN A LOWER KEY THAN THE GOU HAD EXPECTED.

4. TRADE ACT, OAS AND MFM. BLANCO SAID HE WAS OPPOSED TO DIS-  
CUSSION OF THE TRADE ACT IN THE OFFICIAL OAS FORUM. HE THOUGHT  
THIS WOULD INEVITABLY LEAD TO A SITUATION OF CONFRONTATION WHICH MUST  
BE AVOIDED. HE SAID WHILE THIS WAS HIS POSITION, THE GOU, FOR  
OBVIOUS REASONS, WOULD NOT BE  
ABLE TO OPPOSE PUBLICLY THE CONVOKING  
OF THE OAS FOR THIS PURPOSE. HE STILL HOPED, NEVERTHELESS, THAT THE  
MATTER COULD BE KEPT OUT OF THE OAS AND DISCUSSED AT BUENOS AIRES  
WHICH HE VIEWED AS THE PROPER FORUM IN KEEPING WITH THE SPIRIT OF  
THE DIALOGUE. HE ADDED THE GOU WAS DOING WHAT IT COULD  
THROUGH BILATERAL MEANS TO CONVEY THESE VIEWS TO OTHER LAS.  
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